

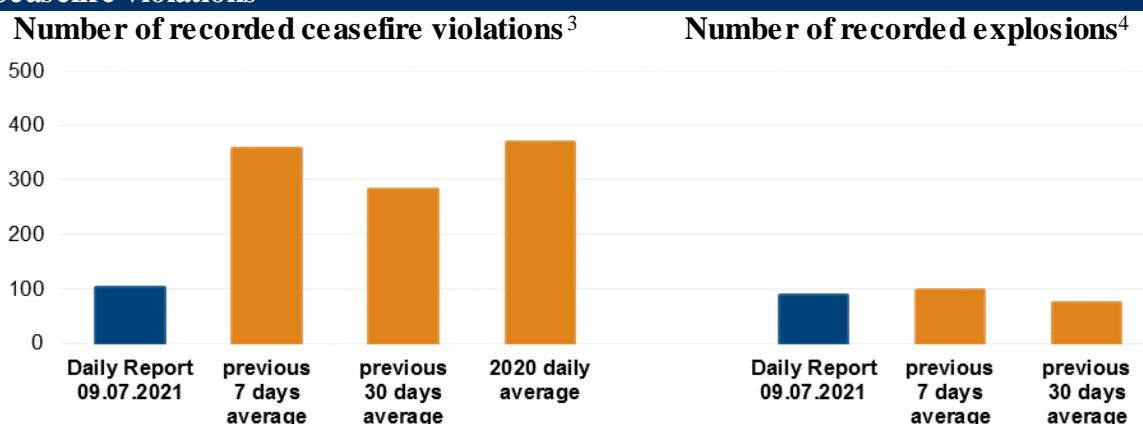
# Daily Report 158/2021

9 July 2021<sup>1</sup>

## Summary

- In Donetsk region, the Mission recorded 86 ceasefire violations, including 81 explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded 75 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 43 ceasefire violations, including four explosions. In the previous reporting period, it recorded ten ceasefire violations in the region.
- The Mission saw recent craters near and damage to inhabited houses in government-controlled Avdiivka, Donetsk region.
- Small-arms fire was assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) near government-controlled Novoluhanske, Donetsk region.\*
- The SMM continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The SMM continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at five entry-exit checkpoints and four corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Novoazovsk, southern Donetsk region. Its UAVs also again experienced instances of GPS signal interference.\*

## Ceasefire violations<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 8 July 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM camera in Petrivske was not operational.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

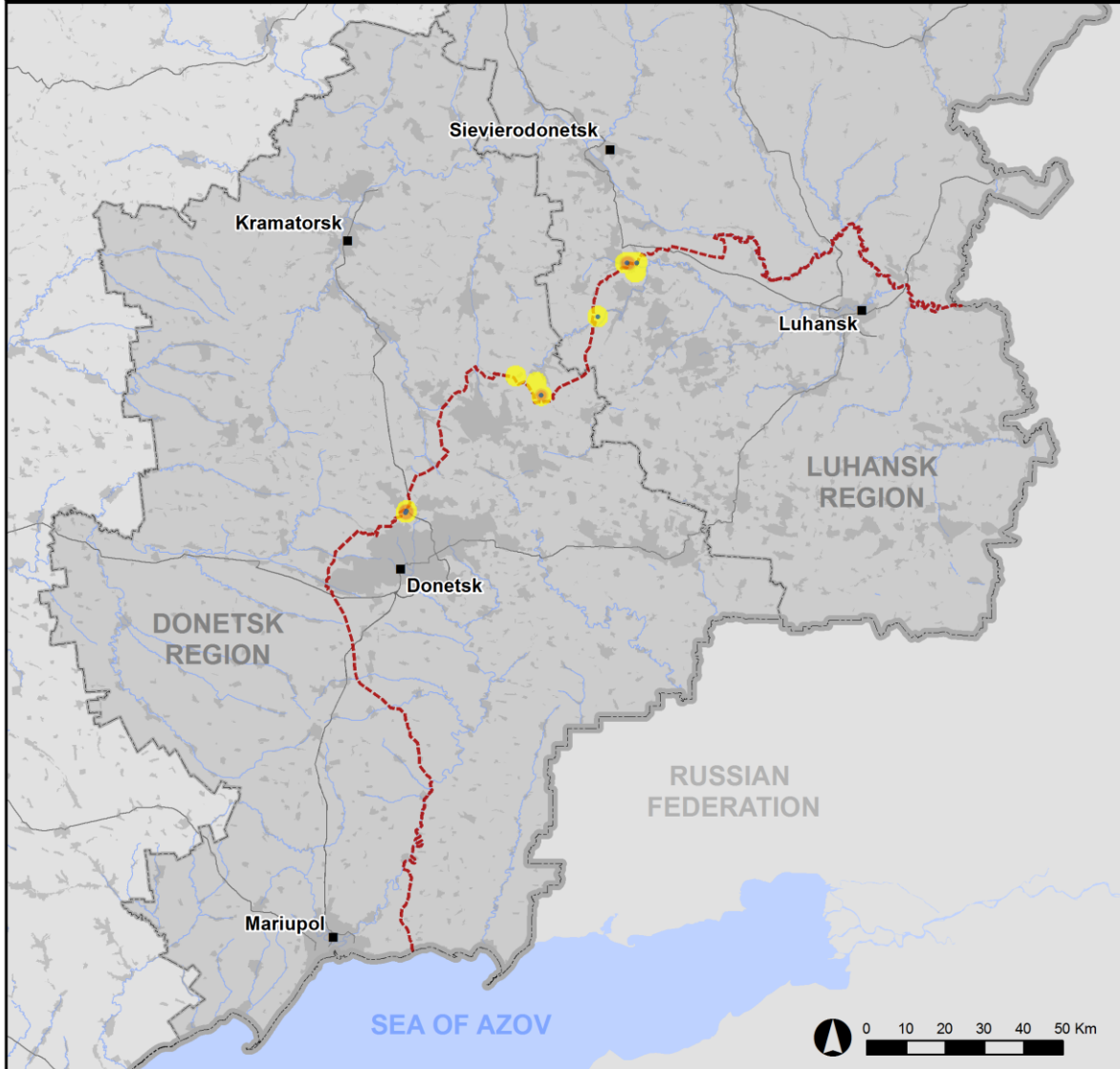
<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations

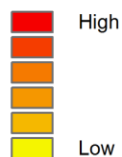


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## Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 8 July 2021



#### Ceasefire violation concentration



- Explosion
- Settlement
- ..... Estimated line of contact

Sources: Administrative Boundaries - OCHA; Roads, Rivers - OpenStreetMap; Sea - VLIZ (2005). IHO Sea Areas; Other - OSCE.

Coordinate System: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 37N

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In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 86 ceasefire violations, including 81 explosions (14 airbursts and 67 undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area south-south-west of the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) (15km north of Donetsk) and in an area south-south-east of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded 75 ceasefire violations.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded 43 ceasefire violations, including four explosions (one impact and three undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred at northerly directions of the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous reporting period](#), the Mission recorded ten ceasefire violations, the majority of which near the aforementioned disengagement area.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group on 22 July 2020 regarding additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire, from 00:01 on 27 July 2020 until the end of the reporting period, the SMM has recorded at least 42,286 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 12,948 explosions, 6,595 projectiles in flight, 238 muzzle flashes, 130 illumination flares and at least 22,375 bursts and shots).

### **Craters near and damage to inhabited houses in Avdiivka, Donetsk region**

On 7 July, on the south-eastern edge of Avdiivka (government-controlled, 17km north of Donetsk), about 1.7km north-west of the contact line, the SMM followed up on reports of recent damage to inhabited houses and craters nearby.

At 253 Soborna Street, an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) spotted a crater (1m in diameter) in a garden about 10m south-south-west of a single-storey house. The SMM also saw a tree with a branch and pieces of broken rind lying next to the crater. About 1m east-south-east of the same crater, the same UAV spotted a partially damaged wooden fence. The SMM saw a shrapnel hole in the north-facing wall of the same house, as well as three holes (2-5cm in diameter) in a windowpane in the same wall.

A woman (in her fifties), who introduced herself as the owner of the house, told the SMM that on the morning of 2 July, while she had been in her garden, she had heard two explosions and had immediately taken shelter in her house. She said that the first explosion had occurred far from the house, while the second had occurred nearby.

At 255 Soborna Street, the same UAV spotted another crater (1m in diameter) in a garden about 30m south-south-west of an inhabited single-storey house.

About 2km north-east of the previous house, at 20 Shkilna Street, the same UAV spotted a crater (1m in diameter) about 2m west of a single-storey house.

The same UAV spotted six craters between two single-storey houses at 74 and 75 Shkilna Street.

The Mission assessed all the damage and craters as recent and caused by probable mortar rounds and shrapnel, but could not determine the direction of fire.

### **Small-arms fire assessed as directed at an SMM mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near government-controlled Novoluhanske, Donetsk region**

While positioned on the western edge of Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km north-east of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the Mission heard two shots of small-arms fire at an assessed distance of 100m south-west, assessed as aimed at the UAV, which was flying over positions of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, about 400m south-west of the SMM's position. During the same flight, the UAV also experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming. The Mission landed the UAV and left the area. (See below.)\*

### **Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske<sup>5</sup>**

While positioned inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) south of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge (15km north-east of Luhansk).

On the night of 7-8 July, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded three explosions (one impact and two undetermined) and 39 projectiles in flight at an assessed range of 3-7km east and east-south-east. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

While positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them). The SMM again saw the seven previously observed containers located south of the disengagement area's southern edge and inside the area.

While positioned at three locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the Mission observed a calm situation.

### **Withdrawal of weapons**

The SMM continued to monitor the withdrawal of weapons in implementation of the Memorandum and the Package of Measures and its Addendum.

In violation of withdrawal lines, the SMM saw a tank in a government-controlled area in Luhansk region, as well as a multiple launch rocket system and 16 howitzers (two probable), some in a training area, all in non-government-controlled areas in Donetsk region.

Beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage areas, the Mission saw 44 tanks and a surface-to-air missile system, all in a training area in a non-government-controlled area in Donetsk region. (For further information, see the tables below.)

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<sup>5</sup> Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

### **Indication of military and military-type presence in the security zone**

The SMM saw 14 armoured combat vehicles, including in and near residential areas, in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. (For further information, see the table below.)

### **SMM facilitation of maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure**

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) and monitored the security situation near the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

### **Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints**

In Donetsk region, the SMM noted that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Marinka (government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) was open while the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Kreminets (non-government-controlled, 16km south-west of Donetsk) was closed. It also observed that the EECP near Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk) was open, but did not observe any traffic passing through.

In Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were open, with people queueing to travel in both directions. Near the EECP, the SMM observed seven workers (men, in their forties and fifties) with an excavator and a truck carrying out demolition and ground works.

The SMM also noted that the EECPs near Zolote and Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) were open, but that the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote and 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia were closed.

### **Border areas outside government control**

The Mission also monitored areas along the border outside government control near the border with the Russian Federation near Pobeda (57km south-east of Donetsk), Kuznetsovo-Mykhailivka (67km south-east of Donetsk), Mykhailivka (74km south-east of Donetsk), Zernove (70km south of Donetsk) and Boikivske (formerly Telmanove, 67km south-east of Donetsk) and observed no change in the security situation.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Lviv, Odessa, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Chernivtsi, and Kyiv.

### **\*Restrictions of the SMM's freedom of movement or other impediments to fulfilment of its mandate**

*The SMM's monitoring and freedom of movement are restricted by security hazards and threats, including risks posed by mines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other impediments – which vary from day to day. The SMM's mandate provides for safe and secure access throughout Ukraine. All signatories of the Minsk agreements have agreed on the need for this safe and secure access, that*

*restriction of the SMM's freedom of movement constitutes a violation, and on the need for rapid response to these violations. They have also agreed that the JCCC should contribute to such response and co-ordinate mine clearance. Nonetheless, the armed formations in parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions frequently deny the SMM access to areas adjacent to Ukraine's border outside control of the government (for example, see [SMM Daily Report of 8 July 2021](#)). The SMM's operations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions remain restricted following [the fatal incident of 23 April 2017 near Pryshyb](#); these restrictions continued to limit the Mission's observations.*

#### Denials:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Novoazovsk (non-government-controlled, 102km south-east of Donetsk), three members of the armed formations (two of whom visibly armed) denied the SMM passage towards the settlement, citing "orders from superiors".

#### *Regular restrictions related to disengagement areas and mines/UXO:*

- The sides continued to deny the SMM full access, as well as the ability to travel certain roads previously identified as important for effective monitoring by the Mission and for civilians' movement, through failure to conduct comprehensive clearance of mines, UXO and other obstacles.

#### Other impediments<sup>6</sup>:

- On 7 July, SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight each over areas near government-controlled Pidlisne (70km north-west of Luhansk) and Orikhove (57km north-west of Luhansk), as well as during three flights over areas near Troitske (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk).
- On 8 July, while positioned in Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km north-east of Donetsk) to conduct an announced mini-UAV flight, the Mission heard two shots of small-arms fire, assessed as aimed at the UAV. During the same flight, the UAV also experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming. (See above.)
- On the same day, SMM mid-range UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during one flight each over areas near government-controlled Fedorivka (71km south of Donetsk) and Zhelanne Druhe (29km north-west of Donetsk).
- On the same day, SMM mini-UAVs experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during two flights over areas near Holmivskyi (non-government-controlled, 49km north-east of Donetsk), and during one flight over areas near government-controlled Orlivske (82km south of Donetsk).

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<sup>6</sup> For cases of probable jamming and jamming mentioned in this section, the interferences could have originated from anywhere within the radius of tens of kilometres from the UAVs' positions.



## Tables of weapons

### Weapons in violation of withdrawal lines

| Date                                   | No. of weapons | Type of weapon  | Location  | Source of observation |
|--|----------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Government-controlled areas</b>     |                |   |   |                       |
| 7/7/2021                               | 1              | Tank (type undetermined)  | Near Pidlisne (70km north-west of Luhansk)  | Mini-UAV              |
| <b>Non-government-controlled areas</b> |                |   |   |                       |
| 7/7/2021                               | 1              | Multiple launch rocket system (BM-21 <i>Grad</i> , 122mm)           | Near Nyzhnia Krynka (31km north-east of Donetsk)  | Mini-UAV              |
|  | 6              | Towed howitzer (D-30 <i>Lyagushka</i> , 122mm)                      |   |                       |
|  | 10             | Self-propelled howitzer (2S1 <i>Gvozdika</i> , 122mm)(two probable) | In a training area near Ternove (57km east of Donetsk), where the Mission also spotted 25 armoured combat vehicles and eight armoured utility vehicles (UAZ-23632-148 <i>Esaul</i> ) <sup>7</sup> |                       |

### Weapons beyond withdrawal lines but outside designated storage sites

| Date                                   | No. of weapons | Type of weapon   | Location                        | Source of observation |
|--|----------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Non-government-controlled areas</b> |                |  |                                 |                       |
| 7/7/2021                               | 44             | Tank (T-72B)   | In a training area near Ternove | Mini-UAV              |
|  | 1              | Surface-to-air missile system (9K35 <i>Strela-10</i> ) |                                 |                       |

### **Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>8</sup>**

| Date                               | No. | Type   | Location   | Source of observation |
|------------------------------------|-----|--|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Government-controlled areas</b> |     |  |  |                       |
| 7/7/2021                           | 6   | Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)    | Near Pidlisne (70km north-west of Luhansk)                                 | Mini-UAV              |
|                                    | 2   | Armoured combat vehicle (type undetermined)    | In a compound near a residential area of Loskutivka (72km west of Luhansk) |                       |
| 8/7/2021                           | 1   | Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)            | Near Novobakhmutivka (28km north of Donetsk)                               | Patrol                |
|                                    | 4   | Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)              | In two residential areas of Krasnohorivka (24km north of Donetsk)          |                       |
|                                    | 1   | Armoured personnel carrier (type undetermined) | Near Chermalyk (77km south of Donetsk)                                     |                       |

<sup>7</sup> The armoured combat vehicles and armoured utility vehicles mentioned in this section are not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk Agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

<sup>8</sup> The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

**Table of ceasefire violations as of 8 July 2021<sup>9</sup>**

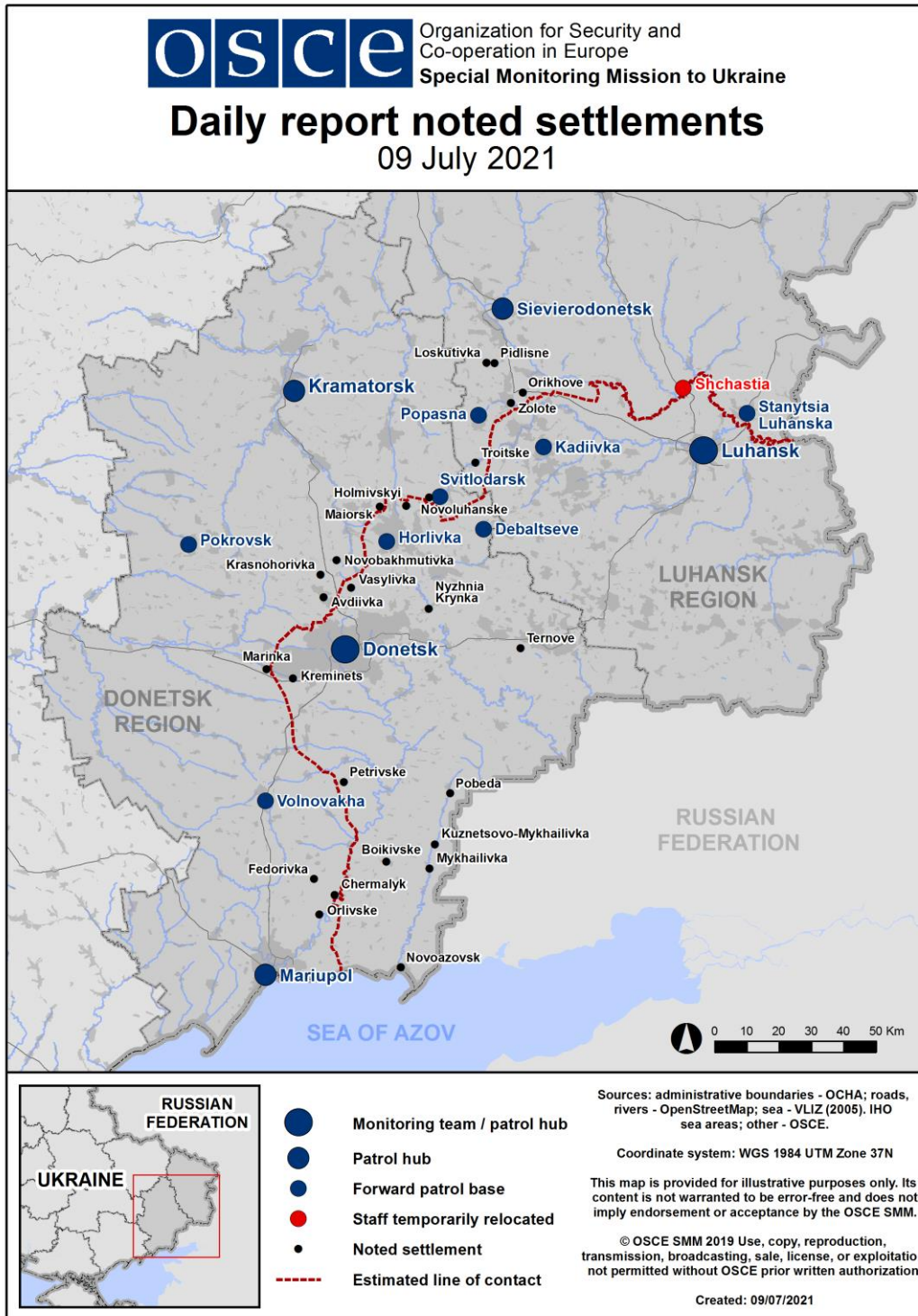
| SMM position   | Event location | Means    | No. | Observation  | Description   | Weapon     | Date, time            |
|--|----------------|----------|-----|--------------|---|------------|-----------------------|
| SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)       | 2-3km SSW      | Recorded | 14  | Explosion    | Undetermined  | N/K        | 8-Jul, 01:37          |
|  | 2-4km SSW      | Recorded | 2   | Explosion    | Airburst  | N/K        | 8-Jul, 01:37          |
|  | 2-4km SSW      | Recorded | 28  | Explosion    | Undetermined  | N/K        | 8-Jul, 01:38          |
|  | 2-4km SSW      | Recorded | 12  | Explosion    | Airburst  | N/K        | 8-Jul, 01:38          |
| Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)            | 5-7km SSE      | Heard    | 23  | Explosion    | Undetermined  | N/K        | 7-Jul,<br>20:56-21:13 |
|  | 2-3km SSE      | Heard    | 3   | Burst        |   | HMG        | 7-Jul,<br>21:02-21:03 |
|  | 5-7km SSE      | Heard    | 2   | Explosion    | Undetermined  | N/K        | 7-Jul, 21:57          |
| W edge of Novoluhanske (government-controlled, 53km NE of Donetsk) | 100m SW        | Heard    | 2   | Shot         |   | Small arms | 8-Jul, 12:37          |
| SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)    | 4-5km E        | Recorded | 1   | Projectile   | S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)                                   | N/K        | 7-Jul, 21:27          |
|  | 4-5km E        | Recorded | 7   | Projectile   | S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)                                   | N/K        | 7-Jul, 21:28          |
|  | 3-4km E        | Recorded | 1   | Projectile   | S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)                                   | N/K        | 7-Jul, 22:06          |
|  | 3-4km E        | Recorded | 2   | Projectile   | SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)                               | N/K        | 7-Jul, 22:12          |
|  | 3-4km E        | Recorded | 4   | Projectile   | SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)                               | N/K        | 7-Jul, 22:14          |
|  | 3-4km E        | Recorded | 11  | Projectile   | S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)                                   | N/K        | 7-Jul, 22:27          |
|  | 3-4km E        | Recorded | 4   | Projectile   | S to N (assessed as outside the disengagement area)                                   | N/K        | 7-Jul, 22:28          |
|  | 3-4km E        | Recorded | 1   | Muzzle flash | Assessed as outside the disengagement area  | N/K        | 7-Jul, 22:29          |
|  | 3-4km E        | Recorded | 1   | Projectile   | ENE to WSW (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the disengagement area) | N/K        | 7-Jul, 22:29          |
|  | 3-4km E        | Recorded | 1   | Explosion    | Impact (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the                         | N/K        | 7-Jul, 22:29          |

<sup>9</sup> The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras, and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based on assessments provided by monitors on the ground and technical monitoring officers, and are not always necessarily precise. When information is not known (indicated with an “N/K”), the SMM was unable to ascertain such information due to distance, weather conditions technical limitations and/or other considerations. Ceasefire violations recorded by more than one patrol/camera and assessed to be the same are entered only once.



|  |           |          |   |            |   |     |              |
|--|-----------|----------|---|------------|---|-----|--------------|
|  |           |          |   |            | disengagement area)                                       |     |              |
|  | 3-4km E   | Recorded | 1 | Explosion  | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area) | N/K | 7-Jul, 23:06 |
|  | 3-4km E   | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | ENE to WSW (assessed as outside the disengagement area)   | N/K | 7-Jul, 23:40 |
|  | 3-4km E   | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)       | N/K | 7-Jul, 23:41 |
|  | 2-4km E   | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | N to S (assessed as outside the disengagement area)       | N/K | 7-Jul, 23:42 |
|  | 2-4km E   | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | SSW to NNE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)   | N/K | 7-Jul, 23:46 |
|  | 5-7km E   | Recorded | 1 | Explosion  | Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area) | N/K | 7-Jul, 23:49 |
|  | 5-7km ESE | Recorded | 1 | Projectile | WSW to ENE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)   | N/K | 7-Jul, 23:51 |
|  | 2-4km E   | Recorded | 4 | Projectile | NNW to SSE (assessed as outside the disengagement area)   | N/K | 8-Jul, 00:17 |
| NE edge of Troitske (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk) | 4-5km NE  | Heard    | 1 | Explosion  | Undetermined  | N/K | 8-Jul, 11:47 |

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>10</sup>



<sup>10</sup> The SMM is deployed to ten locations throughout Ukraine – Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipro, Chernivtsi, Luhansk and Kyiv – as per Permanent Council Decision 1117 of 21 March 2014. This map of eastern Ukraine is meant for illustrative purposes and indicates locations mentioned in the report, as well as those where the SMM has offices (monitoring teams, patrol hubs and forward patrol bases) in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. (In red: a forward patrol base from which SMM staff have temporarily relocated based on recommendations of security experts from participating States, as well as SMM security considerations. The SMM uses the premises during daylight hours and also patrols in this settlement during daylight hours).